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SUBJECT: TURKISH DEFENSE MINISTER'S VISIT TO U.S.

1. MINISTER OF DEFENSE FERIT MELEN PLANS TWO-DAY PRIVATE VISIT IN WASHINGTON FOLLOWING NATO NUCLEAR PLANNING GROUP (NPG) MINISTERIAL MEETING IN MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA JUNE JUSAQUM IN VIEW OF THE CONGRESSIONAL SITUATION REGARDING THE CUTOFF OF U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY, THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MELEN'S PRESENCE IN THE U.S. FOR A FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THE US-TURKISH RELATIONS. MOREOVER, IF AN APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY ARISES, IT MAY BE HELPFUL TO ARRANGE MEETINGS BETWEEN MELEN AND SELECTED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

(MELEN SIEAKS FRENCH BUT NO RPT NO ENGLISH.)

2. ACCORDING TO MELEN'S CURRENT SCHEDULE, HE WILL ARRIVE WASHINGTON ON AFTERNOON OF JUNE 18 FROM SAN FRANCISCO AND DEPART ON JUNE 21 TO RETURN TO TURKESJM HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY DEFENSE MINISTRY UNDERSECRETARY GENERAL SUKRU OLCAY AND FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS AMBASSADOR ECUMENT YAVUZALP.
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